

1 **Amendment to the Specification**

2 **In the Specification:**

3 Please amend the specification as follows:

4 On Page 1, the paragraph beginning at line 4 should be replaced with the following.

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6 This application is based on a prior copending provisional application, Serial No. 60/451,346,
7 filed on February 27, 2003, the benefit of the filing date of which is hereby claimed under
8 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). This application is also a continuation-in-part application of a copending patent
9 application Serial No. 10/628,622, filed on July 23, 2003, which itself is a continuation-in-part application
10 of a copending patent application Serial No. 09/976,257, filed on October 12, 2001, now U.S. Patent
11 No. 6,608,682 (issued August 19, 2003), which is a continuation-in-part application of a copending patent
12 application Serial No. 09/820,434, filed on March 29, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,473,176 (issued October
13 29, 2002), which is a continuation-in-part application of patent application Serial No. 09/538,604, filed on
14 March 29, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,211,955 (issued April 3, 2001), which itself is a continuation-in-part
15 application of patent application Serial No. 09/490,478, filed on January 24, 2000, now U.S. Patent No.
16 6,249,341 (issued June 19, 2001), which is based on a provisional application Serial No. 60/117,203, filed
17 on January 25, 1999, the benefit of the filing dates of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and
18 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). Copending patent application Serial No. 09/967,257, noted above, is also based on
19 provisional application Serial No. 60/240,125, filed on October 12, 2000, the benefit of the filing date of
20 which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).